

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently amended) A pattern carrier for a flask molding machine comprising

a mount on which ~~[[the]]~~ a pattern plate is mounted and

a flask-shaped, molding flask-removing frame adapted to make contact with a lower end of a molding flask of a flask molding machine and ~~frame disposed movably~~ moveable up and down around said pattern plate for removing a finished mold.

10. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The pattern carrier for a flask molding machine of claim 9, wherein said flask-shaped, molding flask-removing frame that is ~~disposed movably~~ moved up and down is ~~slid up and down~~ by actuators built ~~[[in]]~~ into said pattern carrier or by a device for replacing the pattern plate.

11. (Currently amended) A pattern carrier ~~consisting of~~ comprising a mount on which a pattern plate is mounted, a flask-shaped frame disposed movably up and down around said pattern plate for removing a finished mold, a plurality of guide pins for moving said flask-shaped frame up in a parallel manner, and a plurality of actuators mounted on a molding base, wherein ~~the pattern carrier being characterized in that~~ said actuators pass through a space in said pattern carrier so as to ~~[[have]]~~ move said plurality of guide pins ~~[[move]]~~ up and down and are mounted so as to have their ends not touch ~~[[the]]~~ a lower surface of the pattern carrier ~~[[at]]~~ in their most contracted states.

12. (Currently amended)      **[[A]]** The pattern carrier of claim 10 or 11,  
wherein said actuators are cylinders operated by an operating fluid.

13. (Currently amended)      **[[A]]** The pattern carrier of claim 10 or 11,  
wherein said actuators are electric cylinders.

14. (Currently amended)      A pattern plate carrier for carrying a pattern  
plate, wherein the pattern plate carrier has an auxiliary flask on which a pattern plate is  
mounted ~~movably~~ moveable up and down, comprising

    a plurality of upward moveable cylinders mounted on said pattern plate carrier to  
move said auxiliary flask,

    at least two ~~special~~ oil cylinders mounted on said pattern plate carrier for  
supplying a fluid with the upward cylinders by being alternately contracted, and

    at least two cylinders disposed separately outside said pattern plate carrier, and  
constituted such that the mutual expansion of said at least two cylinders causes said  
respective ~~special~~ oil cylinders to alternately contact.

15-17.      (Cancelled).